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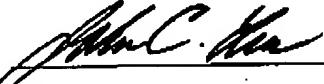
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Per your request, for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/653,281, enclosed is the Amendment, along with a copy of the RCE and one-month petition of time filed March 7, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, the undersigned hereby certifies that the attached Amendment is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 11, 2003.


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. M4085.027B/P278
Application No. 09/653,281	Filing Date August 31, 2000	Examiner Richard Booth	Art Unit 2812	
Applicant(s): Kevin L. Beaman, et al.				
Invention: USE OF ATOMIC OXIDATION FOR FABRICATING OF OXIDE-NITRIDE-OXIDE STACK FOR FLASH MEMORY DEVICES				
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.				
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL		Application Number	09/653,281
Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231		Filing Date	August 31, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Kevin L. Beaman
		Group Art Unit	2812
		Examiner Name	R. Booth
		Attorney Docket No.	M4065.0278/P278

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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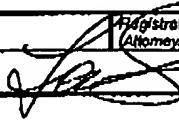
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1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	410	2252	205 Extension for reply within second month
1253	930	2253	465 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,450	2254	725 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,870	2255	985 Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401	160 Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to Institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,300	2453	650 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,300	2501	650 Utility Issue fee (or reissue)
1502	470	2502	235 Design Issue fee
1503	650	2503	315 Plant Issue fee
1460	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1808	180	1808	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (Times number of properties)
1809	750	2809	375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	750	2810	375 For each additional Invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
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1802	900	1802	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
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